

T O T H E

Burgeffes of Nottingham.

G E N T L E M E N,

IF pure Concern for the public Welfare, unallayed with any private or interested Views, can give Weight or Value to a Man's Opinion; my Presumption may be excused if I call your Attention to the Conduct of the two Candidates for the Vacancy in the Council Chamber since the Commencement of the Poll. This will probably afford us some Criterion whereby to judge of their Abilities, the Worth of their Characters, and the Justness and Liberality of their Sentiments; all of which, no Doubt, should qualify the Man that should be the Object of your Choice.—The Man who aspires to *public Offices for public Advantage*, uninfluenced by any Views but that of serving the Community he lives in; will evince those Principles more by his Gratitude for the Favours conferred upon him, than by his Avidity in seeking for them. Regardless by whom the Public is served, if it be well served, he seeks not to depreciate the Merits of those opposed against him; nor suffers his Vanity to contrast them with his own superior Endowments. Admitting this, which I think will be *readily* admitted me, let us see which of the two Candidates if 'weighed in the Balance, will be found wanting.' When first nominated, behold Mr. BUXTON, rather yielding to the Solicitations of a numerous and respectable Set of Gentlemen, which his own Respectability had attached to him, than obtruding himself upon you: unanxious for the Event till a Sense of your Favours rouses him into Activity and grateful Attention.—Mr. CAUNT, as he himself informs you, comes forward "*single and unconnected with any Man,*" indeed *few*, 'tis hoped, *would be connected* in so illiberally aspersing the Intentions and Friends of his Opponent, by groundless Insinuations and Assertions, which, Mr. BUXTON, with a lenient Forbearance, only observes "might be as injurious as untrue." Were Mr. CAUNT but conscious that his own intrinsic Worth was such as could be relied upon, he would leave the exciting of popular Clamour and malignant Insinuations to some dirty Adherent, who wanted both the Sentiments and Education of a Gentleman.—Mr. BUXTON's Sentiments, in every Address I have hitherto had the Inspection of, are such as do *Credit* to his *Head* and *Honour* to his *Heart*: convinced of your Generosity and Discernment, and conscious of the Purity of his Intentions, he scorns to retort upon the low Attempts of his Adversary, further than to contradict his Assertions and do himself Justice in your Opinions. Weigh these Matters attentively, and consider whether the Man, who, like Mr. CAUNT, addresses you with an evident Demonstration of his Selfishness, and want of Liberality, is likely to be an able and firm Supporter of your Rights and Privileges.

I am, GENTLEMEN,

neither Burgeffs nor Friend of either Party, but as their present Conduct has made me,

Yet a Lover of

August 3, 1789.

F R E E D O M.